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Thanksgiving Issue

No issue next week

From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh

As we prepare for Thanksgiving 2012, I wish to express my thanks to the MSUN community and the entire Hi-Line for the support shown both Trish and me over the past eleven months. Your enthusiasm for and commitment to MSUN-your awareness of its past, your understanding of its present, and your hopefulness for its future-have been integral to our ability to work together on a wide variety of projects and initiatives that focus on providing our students the best possible educational environment we can. From the Gymnasium remodeling and the sewing of curtains for our residence halls to the creation of the Food Court and the upgrading of the Student Union; from the replacement of sidewalks and the upgrading of support facilities to the creation of state-of-the-art technology-enhanced classrooms; from the resurrection of the Student Ambassadors program and the mounting of street banners that celebrate MSUN to the arrival of outstanding new faculty and staff and the pride generated by our students' achievements-we have so much here at MSUN which we can and should celebrate.

Trish and I wish you and your family and friends an enjoyable, safe Thanksgiving.

MSUN Alert

Sign up today for MSUN Alert. This system delivers critical information to you via text message and/or e-mail when precarious predicaments arise. This service is used to let you know when the campus is closed or if any emergency situations arise. Go to <https://www.msun.edu/msunalert/> to sign up today.

MSU-Northern Pride Patrol Begins

The NNN is now presenting a new monthly celebration of students, faculty, and staff. The MSU-Northern Pride Patrol is a group of administrators led by Chancellor Limbaugh who are seeking faculty members, staff and students who are doing an exceptional job at Northern. The group will show up unannounced to present the recipient with a gift certificate to the bookstore and a plate of delicious cookies from the Northern Food Court.



The winner of this month's Faculty Focus is Jamie Underwood. Underwood is an absolutely pivotal part of this campus, as he teaches very pertinent history courses needed in the general core credits and for any history majors' studies. We appreciate his dedication and loyalty to Northern, its students, and endeavors.



The winner of this month's Staff Spotlight is John Donaldson. Donaldson's major role on campus is all wrapped up in Student Support Services (SSS). He is a true advocate for the betterment of students' experience at Northern. He is diligent and kind while working to advance each individual's strengths and strengthen any weaknesses. Northern's SSS would not be the thriving program it is today without the amazing persistence of John Donaldson.

To nominate someone for this honor please submit their name and a brief description as to why you feel they deserve this honor to the Chancellor's office.

We are working on a website that will include the write-ups on every monthly winner. The article will include something about each person, so if you're not familiar with each celebrated person, you can gain a sense of who they are and why they are essential to and appreciated by Northern. Viewing of this website should be possible within the next few weeks. The NNN will follow its progress and provide you a link, so stay tuned.

Volleyball Team Completes Successful Season



The 2012 MSU Northern Volleyball team recently completed the most successful season the program has had in decades - and was a season of many firsts. After a grueling 14 match pre-season schedule in which the team played against 8 teams that were ranked or received votes, the Skylights returned home to begin conference play.

The team swept or split with every conference team except UGF. It was the first time in the 4 years Coach Huebsch has been coaching for Northern that the team defeated Carroll College and Lewis-Clark State College.

The Skylights saw themselves alone in first place for 4 weeks of the season and never fell out of the top 4 in the conference all year. The Skylights were a stellar 7-1 at home, winning 10 conference matches and 18 matches overall - these stats represent the highest number of wins in over a decade.

The team's quarter final win at the conference tourney in Butte over Montana Tech was the first tournament victory in 11 years. The Skylight's appearance in the Frontier Conference Championship was its first in 21 years, and they came within 2 points of going to the National Tournament, losing 17-15 in the final set.

The team had 2 Frontier Conference Players of the Week during the season - a program best (Joni Nagy & Abby Nicholas).

The Skylights had 3 players recognized with post season awards - a program best (1st Team All-Conference Hillary Isleifson and Abby Nicholas and 2nd Team All-Conference Holly Cartwright. Cartwright was also given the MSU Northern's NAIA Champion of Character Award).

Cowboy Christmas - Dec. 1

The MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club and Team are currently planning their annual

Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction. This event is the Rodeo Team's primary fund raiser of the year and all benefits are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team travel expenses, practices, and scholarships.

Cowboy Christmas is an all-you-can-eat prime rib dinner followed by a live auction and dance. There is also a silent auction, raffle items, door prizes, games, and a poker table throughout the evening. Auctioneer/MC for this year will be announcer Ray Champ. Admission tickets also put you into a raffle for a paid trip to the circuit finals in Great Falls. Please come for a great time and to support MSUN rodeo!

Date: Saturday December 1, 2012

Time: 5:00 p.m. doors open for no-host cocktail hour

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Live Auction

Location: SUB Ballroom

Price: \$60/couple, \$35/single

If you have any questions, please call Doug Kallenberger @ 262-2422 or Karene Faber @ 265-1241

Veteran's Day Celebration

Due to last Friday's blizzard and its effects, the Veteran's Day Celebration scheduled to take place on Northern's campus was cancelled. Though Veteran's Day has passed, the Northern family thanks all the veterans at MSU-Northern and in Havre for their faithful and meaningful service to our country. Without their selfless acts of service, our lives would be drastically different. Thank you, veterans, for fighting to maintain the rights of this great nation.

Vigilante Theatre



The Vigilante Theatre Company presented a thrilling theatrical adventure last Tuesday night. The show included action and intrigue. The actors delighted Havre viewers with their antics.

Students Sell Gifts to Raise Money for Ireland Trip

It is that time of year again to start thinking of holiday gifts. The students, who are participating in the spring break trip to Ireland in March 2013, are fund raising to offset the cost of the trip. They are selling items from Equal Exchange which include organic and fairly traded foods (coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil), gifts, and recycled cotton gift wrap. There are also gift baskets, jewelry, scarves and toys. Please consider purchasing items for gifts. Equal Exchange supports sustainability

for small farmers and artisans. Thank you for your support of these students. For more information, please contact Carol Reifschneider at 265-4126.

Community Tree Lighting

The Chamber and members of the business community along with many local organizations have organized many holiday events for all to enjoy this holiday season, from bazaars to the community tree lighting at the Town Square.

Everyone is invited to bundle up and gather to bask in the glow of one of Havre's holiday traditions while joining family and friends at the Town Square for the ceremonial lighting of the community Christmas tree on Saturday, November the 24th with activities starting at 5:30 p.m. Join members of the HHS choir in singing holiday carols while warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and waiting the much anticipated arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Local groups are encouraged to participate in the holiday festivities by hosting booths with cider, holiday goodies, and trimmings. There is no fee to participate. Just call the Chamber of Commerce to confirm participation. While out and about, check out the holiday happenings at your favorite shopping stops. Let the local merchants help you with your holiday list of making Christmas wishes come true.

As we take time for family and friends over the holidays, let us be thankful for this wonderful city that we live in and for the people who make Havre a great place to live and shop. These activities are planned to take place, weather permitting. Should there be any changes in the schedule due to inclement weather, please stay tuned to our local radio stations.

The community holiday calendar is available at: <http://www.havremt.com/calendar.htm>.

Orchestra Concert



MSU-Northern's Community Orchestra, conducted by Rhonda Minnick, will be performing their first concert as an official ensemble. The concert will take place on December 4, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the 5th Avenue Christian Church. The concert will pay tribute to the great works of the Beatles, Duke Ellington, James Bond, the West, and Beethoven. It should be quite a show! Admission is free. Come enjoy the local talent Havre has to offer.

New Bookstore Website

What does the new Northern Bookstore website include? It has more professional pictures, more merchandise on the website, and free shipping for out of town customers. New items are now posted as they arrive at the store. We want to give out of town customers/parents the chance to purchase merchandise without having to be in the store. Most orders are shipped within 24 hours. Books will also be available online.

Also worth mentioning are the new hot presses at the bookstore. The staff can now make t-shirts for clubs, degrees, etc. The possibilities are endless. Visit "bookstore.msun.edu" or log on to msun.edu, and go to "Navigate Northern." Then click "Bookstore".

Energy Workshop Comes to Campus

MSU-Northern, Bear Paw Development, and the Havre Chamber have teamed up to sponsor the first in a series of occasional lectures exploring the energy industry and its present and future impact on North Central Montana. The series will be called Energy and the Hi-Line: Options, Challenges, Opportunities.

The first workshop will be held on December the 4th from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the Hensler Auditorium in MSU-Northern's Applied Technology Center. It will consist of three, one hour presentations starting with Jay Gunderson a geologist from Montana Tech. His topic is called "Energy Resources of North-Central Montana". He will explain the rock formations under Hill County and how they contribute to the large deposits of natural gas. The second talk will be conducted by Leslie Messer, the Executive Director of Richmond County Development. She will give a lecture on the history of the Bakken formation. Lastly, Greg Kegel, MSU-Northern's Dean of the College of Technical Sciences will make a presentation on what is happening in the area of biofuels.

The Montana Actors' Theatre Presents The Pillowman

By Martin McDonagh

The Pillowman is perfect entertainment for an eerie fall evening. With the action unfolding entirely within the holding cell of a police station in an undisclosed location, the play will test the audience's perception of what is real and what is not. As one character says, "A writer in a totalitarian state is interrogated over the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child murders happening in his town. A number of child murders that aren't really happening at all."

The remaining dates to view The Pillowman are: November 16 & 17. Doors and the Backstage Lounge open at 7:30 p.m. with show time at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and free for MSUN students with a valid .ID. This is a dark show and is not recommended for children.

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you going home for the Thanksgiving holiday? If so, remember that you can do research for your assignments at home. Start by going to the Vande Bogart Library's Databases page (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/database.htm>) and select a database from this list or one of the other lists (Topics or A-Z) on the page. Then simply click on the database that you want to use. In the "User Authentication" box, type your NetID or D2L username and password. To limit your search to only full-text articles, use the full-text limit box that can be found on the search page. When using the databases, you can email or download many full-text articles. Another time saver found in most databases is the "Cite" option. Most of the databases will allow you to copy & paste an APA or MLA citation that you can use when writing your paper.

Northern's library will be closed during the Thanksgiving holiday (November 22-24) and will reopen Sunday, November the 25th from 1:00-10:00 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 7 Tip

Find it with Start menu Search box

Using the Windows 7 **Start** menu **Search** box you can find more things in more places-and do it faster. The **Start** menu includes a **Search** box that you can use to find files, folders, programs, and

e-mail messages stored on your computer.

Start typing in the **Start** menu **Search programs and files** box, and you'll instantly see a list of relevant files on your PC. You can search by typing the name of the file, or based on its tags, file type, and even contents.

The search results are organized into groups, depending on what kind of item each result is and where it's located on your computer. For example, you might see your search results grouped by **Programs, Documents, Outlook** and **Files**. The top search results-but not all matches-for each group are displayed under a group heading. You can click an individual result to open that program or file, or you can click a group heading to see the complete list of search results for that group in Windows Explorer.

In Windows 8 if you are on the main Start page all you have to do is typing and the search box and results will appear. But you can still bring up the search box if you prefer by hovering over the Start icon on the Start page and clicking on Search.

So if you're not seeing a program you think should be on your computer, try the Start menu Search box!

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

November is National Peanut Butter Lovers' Month. Do you know where the blessed gift of peanut butter originated? If not, continue reading for some quirky facts on peanut butter's history.

- Various sources claim to know where peanut butter first originated, but evidence for one particular inventor has not been stabilized. Some credit the Aztecs, others the Canadians.
- Some sources circulate the idea that in 1890, a St. Louis doctor packaged peanut paste as a remedy for bad teeth. The goop was sold for six cents per pound.
- It's a fact, however, that in 1895, cereal entrepreneur Dr. John Harvey Kellogg patented a process that turned steamed peanuts into a spreadable butter-like substance.
- In 1922, Joseph L. Rosefield took to churning his peanut butter for a smoother look and taste. He patented the first variation of peanut butter that could be safely stored and reused for up to a year.
- Jif peanut butter came around in 1958 and is now the world's largest peanut butter plant, pumping out about 250,000 jars per day. (These facts were adapted from Time magazine's article in 2009 and peanutbutterlovers.com)

For all you peanut butter lovers out there, here's a "Taste of Home" recipe Pinterest users (pinners) are raving about:

<http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/Frosted-Peanut-Butter-Bars>

Mission Statement

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